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EDITORS' REPLY TO ADAMANT GOVT.

President's Call To Newspapers To Observe All-India Hartal On Jan. 6

MADRAS, December 30.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, has issued the following:—

"In accordance with the resolution of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference passed at its meetings held in Bombay on the 18th, 19th and 21st December, I have fixed January 6, 1943, for the observance of the hartal throughout India for a day.

No Papers On Jan. 6.

It is requested that managements abstain from publishing newspapers bearing that date. The co-operation of all newspapers in India is solicited to make the day of protest a success.

The second part of the resolution recommending to all newspapers in India not to publish until the order is withdrawn or otherwise directed by me:

(1) All circulars from Government Houses;
(2) New Year Honours List; and
(3) All speeches of the members of the British Government, the Government of India and Provincial Governments, except portions thereof which contain decisions and announcements will take effect from the 1st of January, 1943, and continue in force until further notice.

Govt. Adamant

I am reluctantly compelled to give effect to this resolution, as all efforts during the past week to persuade the Government of India to intervene have proved futile."

Marathi Journalists' Appeal To Papers

BOMBAY, Dec. 30

The Executive Committee of Marathi Journalists' Association met to-day and passed a resolution supporting the resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference on Dec. 21 and appealed to Marathi newspapers to suspend publication on January 6 as instructed by the President of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference.—A. P.

Madras Falls In Line

MADRAS, Dec. 30.

At an urgent meeting of the Madras Provincial Executive Committee (All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference) held to-day the following resolution was passed:

"Having considered the resolution of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference passed at its meeting in Bombay on the 18th, 19th and the 21st December, this Provincial Committee affirms that it will act in conformity with the resolution above referred to and proceed to observe parts (1) and (2) of the resolution on days to be notified by the President".—A. P.

NEED FOR SINGLE FRENCH ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Declaring that there must be a single French Army, even if its parts are operating in different theatres, the Fighting French National Commissioner for interior and labour, M. Andre Philip, said in the European broadcast on Tuesday that General de Gaulle and General Giraud are not 'Feudal chiefs' but servants of a single French nation.

"It is a fact that the situation has changed and is to-day modified and that at present possibilities are opened for collaboration and eventually for union among all authentic elements of French resistance," M. Philip said.

"The French Empire can to-day be reconstituted and thanks to her Empire France is able to play a primary role in the Mediterranean war. The door is open for us to resume our role in the world and we can proclaim proudly that nothing which went to make the grandeur of our nation has been lost."—Reuter.

Italians Complain About Restless Fighting In Russia

LONDON, December 29.

The Rome radio stated last night that Italian troops in Russia "have been fighting for many days without a moment's rest in cold in deep snow and in face of great hardships.—Reuter.

NAZI BATTALION WIPED OUT: COMMANDER SURRENDERS

Soviet Troops Capture Kotelnikovo And Yashgul: New Gains On Moscow Front

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow wires:—With Kotelnikovo retaken, German position throughout the Kalmuk steppes appears untenable. The roads are few and railways non-existent. To the south lie several hundred miles of inhospitable desert.

Capture of Yashgul represents an advance of 85 miles in 24 hours from Ketchenery, the most south-easterly point of the steppes reached by the Russians on Monday and of 100 miles from Kichino, the southern-most point reached.

YASHGUL CAPTURED

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow wires:—Advance units of the Soviet army rushing through Kalmuck steppes like a hot knife through butter have captured Yashgul 180 miles south of Stalingrad on the main road between Elisa Kalmuck capital and Astrakhan 55 miles from the former and 140 miles from the latter. This new drive westward across the steppes creates a grave threat on the long flank of the German armies south of the lower Don bottleneck.

Fierce fighting in the approaches to "a large inhabited locality" on the Middle Don front was reported by Moscow's midday "communique".

GERMAN BATTALION ROUTED

This morning's Moscow "communique" also reported new gains on the Moscow front where "in the area of Velikie Luki, several fortified villages were reoccupied, a battalion of German 557th Regiment was routed and 33 Axis aircraft were shot down." West of the German hedgehog stronghold of Rzhev, Russian artillery silenced ten Axis batteries and knocked out three tanks and one armoured car.

NAZI COMMANDER SURRENDERS

MOSCOW: A supplement to the Soviet "communique" reads: "In the factory area of Stalingrad our units overcoming enemy resistance captured 82 blockhouses and dugouts. The Germans lost about 300 officers and men.

North-west of Stalingrad our troops conducted offensive operations. One unit captured a strategically important height. 400 of the enemy were killed. Eight guns were destroyed and prisoners were taken. South of Stalingrad our troops continued offensive operations and captured several inhabited localities. In one sector, the Commander of a German battalion surrendered together with his men.

In the area Velikie Luki several inhabited localities were occupied. One unit after fierce fighting captured an enemy defence position. At another point, a battalion of the German 557th Regiment was routed."

Germans Facing Debacle

Reuter's military correspondent writes:—

"The capture of Kotelnikovo is the most significant success which even the Germans will not be able to hide. The town is an important centre of the Stalingrad-Novorossisk Railway and has been the headquarters for distribution of reinforcements and supplies for the German forces in this area.

The fall of Kotelnikovo spells the death-knell of Von Hoth's Sixth Army or what remains of its 22 divisions surrounded near Stalingrad, because the only chance the Germans had of getting relief through was along this railway.

Russian troops advancing west of Kotelnikovo should soon be able to link hands with those advancing south in the region of Millerovo and then the menace to Rostov will come very much into the picture.

THE GERMANS ARE FACING WHAT SEEMS LITTLE SHORT OF A DEBACLE".

RUSSIANS HEADING FOR ROSTOV

(From Our Correspondent).

MOSCOW, Dec. 30.

The capture of Kotelnikovo by Russians clears the line for drive towards Rostov across the flat Kuban country. The entire German right wing between the south-west of Stalingrad wells and the south-east of the Don-bend has been destroyed, spelling a major disaster for the Axis.

The fall of Kotelnikovo has repercussions on Stalingrad itself where the Russians have made the biggest advance since November 19, indicating the weakening of German resistance.

The bulk of the German garrison seems to have escaped but a tremendous quantity of war material has been abandoned.

ROME RADIO'S WARNING

Rome Radio to-day informed the Italian public for the first time of the serious dangers besetting the Axis armies in southern Russia.

The announcer said: "If the Russians succeed in reaching Rostov and the shores of the Azov they will cut the rear communications of all the troops operating between Stalingrad and the Caucasus. Marshal Timoshenko's armies are still hundreds of kilometres from their ambitious target, but naturally the battle is not finished yet."—Reuter.

Soviet Protest To Sweden

Tass Correspondent Searched, Arrested And Released

MOSCOW, Dec 30.

A Russian protest has been lodged at the Swedish Foreign Ministry about a raid by Swedish "secret police" on the Stockholm office of the Soviet News Agency Tass, according to a Tass Stockholm dispatch.

It is alleged that the police entered the premises, arrested a correspondent named Lukin, seized his documents and papers, beat him up, and carried him off to police station. Lukin was finally released without any explanation.

The dispatch adds: "A protest against this disgraceful behaviour on the part of Swedish police authorities, who seem to have adopted methods employed by the German Gestapo, was lodged with the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The latter has given an assurance that investigations will be made."—Reuter.

Lord Moyne Meets Ibn Saud

CAIRO, Dec. 30.

Lord Moyne, Deputy Minister of State assisting Mr. Casey returned to Cairo today after a flying visit to Jeddah, where he had cordial meetings with Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia. This was the first time that King Ibn Saud had received a British Cabinet Minister. —Reuter.

R.A.F. Bombs Burma 'Dromes

U. S. Planes Score Hits On Two Enemy Ships

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30.

An India Command Joint War Communique says: Yesterday afternoon a formation of R.A.F. 'Blenheims' escorted by fighters bombed the Japanese aerodrome at Monywa on the Chindwin river.

In addition to hits on the runway several bursts were observed in the dispersal area.

RAID ON TOUNGOO 'DROME

Last night Toungoo aerodrome in Central Burma was attacked. Bombs were dropped shortly after midnight and bursts were seen in the target area but detailed results could not be observed. From the day-light operations two of our aircraft are missing.

TWO JAP SHIPS BOMBED

A 'communique' from rear Echelon Headquarters, United States Army Forces China, Burma and India, states:—

At noon on December 29th, two flights of the Tenth U.S. Air Force heavy-bombers attacked enemy shipping at Rangoon.

The first flight discovered a tanker about 5,000 tons heading from Moulmein toward Rangoon. This was left in flames.

The second flight bombed an enemy freighter, which was heading east near the mouth of the Gangoon river. A direct hit was scored on this 5,000-6,000 ton vessel. There was a violent secondary explosion and the ship was seen to come to a complete stop.

All our aircraft and personnel returned safely to their bases. —A.P.

JAPS CAPTURE FRESH AREAS

CHUNGKING, December 30.

Last night's Chinese war communique said: "Japanese forces from Hsishui broke into the City of Kwangtsi on December 24. Fighting has been in progress north-east of the city.

Japanese forces having captured Susung penetrated into the City of Taihu on December 25, when they were engaged in a bloody street fighting by the Chinese. There were osses on both sides.

Later the Japanese brought up large reinforcements. These outnumbered the Chinese defenders who withdrew from the city. Fighting is going on in the outskirts.

Two Japanese forces, one moving eastward from Sungfow and the other pushing northward from Hsishui, met on the afternoon of December 25 and launched a joint attack on Lotien which they took.

Fighting has been in progress north-west of Lotien where the Japanese have been halted.

JAPS RETREATING

Japanese forces from Anking and Wanguian launched a northerly drive and entered the city of Tsineshan.

Chinese troops supported by reinforcements counter-attacked and retook the city in the afternoon of December 27. Considerable losses were inflicted on the Japanese who are retreating in confusion eastward of Kachoufow.

"In Northern Hupeh Japanese forces from Kwangshui along the railway to north Hankow made a sortie westward and on December 17th reached Lishan. The following day they were forced to retire under Chinese pressure. On the Honan-Shantung border reinforced Japanese troops from Shangku and Shangshen renewed their attacks after they were defeated some days ago. In their retreat they burnt houses and killed many Chinese civilians."

U.S. PLANES BOMB LASHIO

CHUNGKING, Dec. 30.

Lashio on the Burma Road has been bombed for fourth time in eight days, states a communique from General Stilwell's Headquarters in China to-day.—Reuter.

AVOID SERIOUS SITUATION

Ghuznavi On Govt.'s Duty Sequel To Air Raids

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

The opinion that unless the civil administration rises to the occasion, there will soon be a serious situation not only in the city of Calcutta but all over the Presidency as well is expressed by Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Central National Muhammedan Association, in a statement on the effect of enemy air-raids over the Calcutta area.

BLACK-OUT OF NEWS

The [illegible] too, have their own duty to perform. In certain quarters [illegible]ency is writ large on the [illegible]mance of these duties [illegible]publicity section, which has come in to be widely criticised [illegible]ate, has behaved in the most ridiculous fashion. Either through inefficiency or through ignorance, black-out is being enforced on news. A highly placed authority issued a statement the other day which contained a lot of untrue statements, which only is an index of how the whole system functions.

DUTY OF GOVT.

It is the duty of the authorities not only to ensure to the poor workers the availability of foodstuffs but also buy enough stocks of food-stuffs and other necessities of life at whatever prices they are now available and sell them to the workers at prices within their means."

DANGER OF GLASS

Experience during recent enemy air raids has shown that glass left in windows is a serious menace to general safety, says the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, in a Press Note. Even when a baffle wall in front of a window has been undamaged he adds, the glass in the window behind the wall has collapsed. People caught in the street very often take shelter behind these baffle walls, and if there is glass in a window behind them the glass is almost as serious a danger as the direct effects of an explosion.

The Commissioner of Police has, issued certain instructions for protecting glass and says: "If during subsequent raids persons are injured by glass the responsibility for the injuries will be closely investigated and legal proceedings may be taken.—A.P.

NO INDIA GOVT. OFFICES TO QUIT CALCUTTA

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30.

There is no foundation for reports that the Government of India have decided to remove certain of their offices from Calcutta. Merely because there have been enemy air-raids, Government are not likely to alter their present arrangements. In any case the fact that it would serve as a good example to public if Government offices at Calcutta continue working as before can't also be overlooked.

HUQ'S MISSION

Then it would appear Mr. Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal, came to New Delhi to confer with the Viceroy and other members of Government on the situation created by the recent air-raids. Unfortunately most of the members of Government are away on tour, including the Defence Member. This fact has provoked adverse comment in political circles as at a time like this members of the Viceroy's Council can do a great deal by remaining at headquarters and considering urgent problems without delay. There is some satisfaction, however, that Mr. N. R. Sarkar took the earliest opportunity of proceeding to Calcutta to see things for himself.

"Statesman" Criticises Absence Of Officials From Calcutta

The "Statesman" writes:—

For the many humble folk who have in these last days fled from Calcutta we have no reproof and much sympathy. Poverty in this country and throughout Asia is always pitiably acute and the poor can hardly be blamed for leaving (after the first mild dose of danger) cities where social conditions provide them with so little. Dearth of possessions confers (with its disadvantages) certain freedoms.

Another urgent problem is sanitation. It had been supposed that the authorities' emergency arrangements for this would have proved better. For days, piles of stinking garbage have polluted Calcutta's famous streets, and conditions in the more penurious or densely populated areas are worse. There has been some adverse talk about absenteeism in high places—we are not sure with what justification, but of the absences there is no doubt. This in our opinion, is not a proper time for either Indian Ministers of British Secretariat officials to continue seasonal holidays at a distance or keep engagements outside the city.

Churchill's Example

"The A. B. Patrika" writes:

The situation must be tackled with imagination and courage and upon the severest acknowledgment of the grim realities. In this respect at least Mr. Churchill has set an example which should serve as a model for guidance for persons holding positions of trust and responsibility at the Centre and in the affected Provinces of India. The tragedy is that men who can inspire confidence should have been found unsuitable for being placed in command of the Civil Government of the land at this critical hour. The result is that the rumour-monger is abroad and goes on indulging in his trade to the confusion and the bewilderment of the citizen body. The fundamental lesson to be drawn from the proceedings of the last few days is that in a total war military mobilization without adequate and effective civilian contact cannot strike that terror into the heart of the enemy which alone can smash him. But Britain's ruling classes would not profit by this lesson lest it should lead to the liquidation of the Empire upon which they still continue to build their hopes.

Another Soldier To Be Punjab Premier

Governor Invites Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana To Form Cabinet

LAHORE, December 30.

It is announced from Government House that the Ministers of the Punjab Government have tendered their resignations.

H.E. the Governor of the Punjab granted an interview to the Hon. Major Malik Khizr Hya, Khan Tiwana and requested his assistance in forming a new Council of Ministers. Malik Khizr Hyat Khan has accepted the invitation.

New Ministry

His Excellency has reappointed Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana as a Minister and in consultation with him has also reappointed all the other Ministers, namely, the Hon. Sir Chotturam, the Hon. Sir Manoharlal, the Hon. Mian Abdul Haye and the Hon. Sardar Baldev Singh.

It is understood that the appointment of another Minister may be announced later.

SOLDIER-PREMIER AGAIN

Maj. Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana is son of Gen. Sir Umar Hyat Khan Tiwana and comes from a family with martial traditions. As such he satisfies the requirements of a soldier-Premier essential for imparting new vigour and new meaning to the Provincial war effort and maintain Punjab's reputation as the 'sword arm' of India. He is the youngest Premier in India. He came into prominence in public life six years ago on his appointment as a Minister on the inauguration of Provincial Autonomy.

He held the portfolio of Law and Order in the Sikander Cabinet and was also in charge of P.W.D., Local Self-Government and Civil Defence.

New Premier's Assurance

LAHORE: "I will do my utmost to serve the province to the best of my ability," said the Hon. Major Malik Khizar Hayat Khan Tiwana in a press interview immediately after assumption of his new office as Premier of the Punjab.—A. P.

Calcutta Evacuees At Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 29.

The Calcutta mail arrived here this morning with about 100 evacuees from Calcutta, who are natives of Malabar and working in firms in Calcutta. Each of them brought only a small bundle. They stated that they walked miles from Calcutta along the railway line and boarded the train at a way-side station.—Orient Press.

SYMPOSIUM ON AIR-RAIDS AND SHELL-SHOCK

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

Under the auspices of the 50th session of the Bengal Provincial Medical Conference a symposium on shock in relation to air-raid-casualties will be held shortly at the Conference Hall of the Bengal and Assam Railway Institute, Calcutta. Dr. B. C. Roy will preside.

NOTICE TO READERS

Friday being New Year Day the Office of the "Bombay Chronicle" will remain closed on that day. There will, therefore, be no issue of the paper on Saturday, January 2, 1943.

U. S. TROOPS ADVANCE IN TUNISIA

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The New York radio quoting reports from North Africa this afternoon says that American troops have now advanced to within 200 miles of Gabes, the most southerly port of Tunisia, as part of the push by American and French columns towards coastal roads in central and southern Tunisia, which are still under Axis control. —Reuter.

Roosevelt Confirms De Gaulle's Visit Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

President Roosevelt confirmed on Tuesday that General De Gaulle was coming to the United States saying that he fully expected to see him very soon.

Earlier Reuter had been informed by a reliable source that General De Gaulle would confer with General Giraud prior to travelling to the United States.—Reuter.

Gen. Lavallade To Join Free French

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 30.

The former Vichy Ambassador to Argentina, Marchel Peyrouton, passed through here to-day on his way to North Africa by air. The former Head of the French Military Mission in Rio de Janeiro, General Chaddebec Lavallade, is leaving for London on January 6 to offer his services to the Fighting French.

N. African Fr. Mission And Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

President Roosevelt is having discussions to-day with Gen. Bethouart and M. Dubreuil members of the French North Africa Mission now here. Acting now as representatives of Gen. Giraud, they have already had conversations with Mr. Cordell Hull, Mr. Sumner Welles, Admiral Leahy, Gen. Marshall, and the Fighting French leader M. Tixier.—Reuter.

AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Allied headquarters in North Africa:—A communique states that an Allied forward patrol inflicted casualties on a small Axis detachment and took prisoners. Roads leading from Tunis were bombed by Allied aircraft on Monday night.—Reuter

Fire Causes Million Dollar Loss: 20 Persons Missing

SYRACUSE (New York State), Dec. 30.

Damage estimated at more than one million dollars was caused by fire which destroyed sixteen stores, including the whole of the Empire Hotel block and an adjoining bus terminal.

The police said that twenty persons are still unaccounted for and there is a possibility that bodies may be found in the ruins. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

TWO AXIS CARGO-SHIPS SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.

It is officially announced that two enemy cargo ships have been sunk by bombs in the Solomons. —Reuter.

RAIDS ON ENGLISH TOWNS

LONDON, Dec. 30.

A communique announces: "There was slight enemy activity to-day over the coastal districts of south-east and south-west England. Bombs which were dropped on a town in south-west England caused some damage and casualties including a small number of people killed.—Reuter.

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A NEW RATE CIRCULAR viz., Supplement to Foreign Rate Circular No. 6 (Goods & Coaching) of 1942 is being issued to-day.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or Stations. (2888)

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Bombay, 30th December, 1942. (2895)

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2. Applications should be *in writing* with copies of testimonials and should be sent immediately to the Administrative Officer (CX2), Cotton Textiles Directorate, Hararwalla Building Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

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NOTICE

THE FIRM of PADAMSEY DALICHAND, carrying on business in partnership of Padamsey Premchand Shah and Dalichand Manchand Mehta at Chandra Chowk 8th Lane, Mulji Jetha Market Bombay has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent and the business hereafter will be carried on by Dalichand Manchand Mehta in future in the said name as sole proprietor.

H. N. SHAH ADVOCATE,
33, Picket Road.
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NOTICE.

PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that the NOBLE TRADING CO., is DISSOLVED and that Mr. PRABHUDHA M. NANAVATI is not connected with the undermentioned firm from 23-12-42 and public are further informed not to deal with Mr. Nanavati in the name of this Company.

THE NOBLE TRADING CO.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. P. 1682 for 50 partly paid, (Rs. 125/- paid up) shares Nos. 168761/810 in the Imperial Bank of India (Bombay Register) issued in the name of the late Khan Saheb Janmohamed H. Shaikh has been lost or mislaid. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the share certificate in any way.

MOHOMED NAZIR JAN MAHOMED SHAIKH,
Executor of the estate of the late Khan Saheb Janmahomed H. Shaikh.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

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All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of quit and ground rent land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the North side of First Carpenter Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 175 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos 1717, 1719, and 1720, New Nos. 8845, A/8848 and 8849, Old Survey Nos. 498, 499 and 500, New Survey Nos. 2/5239, 5240 and 5241 and Cadastral Survey No. 2996 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 6580 and Street No. 36 and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the First Carpenter Street, on or towards the West partly by the property of Ramchandra Shaligram and others and partly by the property of Desai Narottam, on or towards the North by the property of Motibai, widow of K. B. Mehta and on or towards the South by the property of Rukmabai widow of Gangaram Tukaram

Dated this 30th day of December, 1942.

BHAISHANKER KANGA & GIRDHARLAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(2896).

Public Notices

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED has agreed to purchase from Mr. BAPUJI ARDESHIR MISTRY the "Mayfair Hair Dressing Saloon," belonging to the latter and situate in Ahmed Chamber, 386, Lamington Road. Any person having any right or claim by way of sale, mortgage, pledge, etc. is hereby required to communicate the same to the undersigned within 14 days from the date hereof, after which the sale shall be completed and the right or claim, if any, shall be considered to have been waived.

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31st December, 1942. (513)

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TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

Day by day, the rush for rice and other household commodities is increasing in the Suburbs.

From the very early hours of the morning, Suburbanites are seen forming queues near the Government grain shops. As early as 9 a.m. over a thousand people are seen lined up near grain shops at Bandra, Santa Cruz and Vile Parle.

It is felt in Suburban Circles that Government would do well to carry out a strict check on Suburban shops, which it is believed have large stocks but are only willing to sell it to a few selected clients who are able to pay high prices.

Grain Merchants' Telegram To Viceroy

The Grain Merchants' Association of Bombay has sent to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, to-day, the following telegram:—

"The Committee, Grain Merchants' Association, Bombay, desire to draw your serious attention to a large volume of exports of foodgrains from India to Iraq, Iran, Syria, Ceylon, Africa etc., as also those allowed through the U.K.C.C. The Committee believe, since the commencement of the hostilities, such huge and indiscriminate exports of foodgrains have been allowed out of India disregarding the interests of the civil population. The acute scarcity of the articles of foodstuffs prevailing at present is too well-known and if stringent measures are not taken promptly Committee fear, serious unrest and looting will occur all over India. Committee therefore earnestly urge upon you to prohibit absolutely all exports or re-exports of grains, pulses etc., from India."

DOCTORS FIGHT MALARIA
Every year, over ten lakhs of people in India die from malaria. Thousands might have been saved if they had had the right diet.
The trouble with fever is that it weakens the digestion as well as the rest of the body. Just when food is most needed the stomach turns against it.
Doctors know, however, that there is a food which the most exhausted patient can take. That food is Horlicks. Exacting tests show that Horlicks contains all that the weakened body needs. Without strain on the digestion it rebuilds tissue, fills out hollows, strengthens the nerves, pours rich, new vitality along every vein.
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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 9, 1999.
Muslim: Zilhej 22, 1361.
Parsi: Tir 28, 1312.
Sunrise: 8-14 a.m. Sunset: 7-10 p.m.
Highttide: 4-52, 17-57. Lowtide: 11-50, 23-26

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

BROADWAY—"Ankh Michaoli" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m
KOHINOOR—"Roti" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Doctor" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
NOVELTY—"Vasantsena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
CAPITOL—"Pardon My Sarong" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
SWASTIK—"Damaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
REGAL—"Lady in a Jam" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
KRISHNA—"Ever Yours" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
MINERVA—"Bhakta Kabir" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
METRO—"Somewhere I'll Find You" at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ek-Raat" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
NEW EMPIRE—"Syncopation" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Rudyard Kiplings's Jungle Book" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAND—"Lady Hamilton" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LIGHT HOUSE—"Great Guns" 4-30, 7 and 10
EROS—"This Above All" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
HIND MATA—"Bharat Milap" 4, 7 and 10
APOLLO—"On The River" 4-30, 7 and 10
CHITRA—"Khan-Dasan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"The Thief of Bagdad" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
AURORA—"Sergeant York" 4, 6-30 and 10
PALACE—"Ball of Fire" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 2-30, 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
WELLINGTON GARRISON THEATRE—"Over to You" at 9 p.m.

RAMANA JAYANTI, MATUNGA: Today's programme 8-9 p.m. Religious discourse on "Vedanta in practice" by Swami Sambuddhananda; 9-30 to 11 p.m. Musical entertainment by Sri. R. Rajagopala Bhagavther Samasthana Vidhwan of Ettyapuram (Vocal); Master Gopalakrishnan of Madras. (Violin); and Sri. V. Eswaran of Madras Mridangam.

SERVANTS OF HUMANITY CENTRE: Mr. Burjor J. Shroff, Hon. Lecturer, St. John Ambulance Association will speak on "Escape of Blood from an Injured Blood Vessel (Haemorrhage); and Fractures of Lower limbs at Hindustan Vanaspati Mfg., Co. Ltd., Sewri, to Factory staff to-day (Thursday).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS—MATUNGA: A Public Study Class on the subject of "State After Death" will be held at 6-15 p.m. to-day (Thursday), at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

GIRGAON HINDU SABHA OFFICE: Mr. Shashikant Trimbak Bhatki, General Secretary, Girgaon District Hindu Sabha, (Parera Bldg., 1st Flour Opp. Kelewadi) informs that the office of the Sabha will remain open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday.

Strike In City Mill

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A city mill remained closed to-day, as a section of the workers resorted to a sitting strike from last night, complaining that they did not get food grains from the shop conducted by the mill.

PUBLIC MEETING AT NAPOO HALL: "A public meeting will be held at Napoo Hall (G.I.P.) Matunga, to-day (Thursday), at 9 p.m. in connection with the food campaign under the auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India."

ACCEPTANCES FOR SECOND WINTER MEETING

The following are the acceptances of Bombay Second Winter Meeting, First Day, to be run on Friday, 1st January, 1943:—

THE VELLARD PLATE. Division II.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; second Rs. 700 and third Rs. 300. A handicap for horses in Class IV.

Panch Kalyan 9-2; Bastion 9-0; Sulla 8-9; Gallo 8-9; Alijah 8-7; Oil Can 8-7; Twilight 8-7; Indian Princess 8-2; Egyptian Gold 8-2; Kamala 8-2; Panna Prince 8-0; Sir Francis II 8-0; Manners 8-0.

THE QUETTA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,500; second Rs. 1,000 and third Rs. 500. For Indian Fillies, 3 years old only, maidens at the time of starting. 8st. 4lbs. each.

Princess Mary 8-4; Revue 8-4; Ashalata 8-4; Raje Shree 8-4; Guinea Gold 8-4; Shining Hour 8-4; Blue Danube 8-4; Stop Press 8-4; Dinnizeenia 8-4; Blue Water 8-4; Awake 8-4; Inspiration 8-4; Minnat 8-4; Princess Padma 8-4.

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Violette 8-4; Kum Kum 8-4; Jaimala 8-4; Shashi Kala 8-4; Magic Serenade 8-4; Sun Valley 8-4; Same Again 8-4; Golden Heart 8-4; Lydia 8-4; Lady Ward 8-4; Maid of Manipri 8-4; Roopsundari 8-4.

THE MONTGOMERY PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 4,000; second Rs. 1,250; and third Rs. 750. A handicap for Indian horses starred in Class IV.

Yeshwant 9-0; Savoyard 8-9; Moss 8-7; Sweetess 8-7; Victor 8-7; Can Can 7-9.

THE KALYAN PLATE. Division II.—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 3,000; second Rs. 1,000; and third Rs. 500. A handicap for Indian horses, 4 years old and upwards in Class 'A'.

Well Masked 9-4; Firouze 8-12; Scottish Star 8-10; Hectic 8-7; Prince Hamid 8-3; Hari Singh 7-12; His Highness 8-6; Rose Apple 8-4; Dawn Patrol 8-3; Spring Song 8-1; Cow Boy 8-1; Rashpat 7-13; Magician 7-13; Mexican Mini 7-13; Air Ace 7-12; Sit Fast 7-11.

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS. 1943.—Distance 1 mile.

A Cup value Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 25,750 from the Fund. Winner, the Cup and Rs. 17,500; second Rs. 5,000; and third Rs. 2,500.

Princess Beautiful 8-11; Magic Maid 8-7; Chandrika 8-7; Royal Princess 8-7; Vijai Lakshmi 8-7; Betty 8-7; Miss Rose 8-7; Lady Saheb 8-7; Blue Sky 8-7; Mary 8-7; Good Night 8-7; Spring Song 8-7; Sweet Chime 8-7; Dollar Princess 8-7; Pretty Good Sort 8-7; Pure Emerald 8-7; Passing Bell 8-7.

THE PERTH PLATE.—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Winner Rs. 6,500; second Rs. 1,500; and third Rs. 1,000. A handicap for horses in Class II.

Gay Spaniard 9-2; Shalivahan 7-13; Fire Alarm 9-1; Solmint 8-11; Desert Sunrise 8-9; Avon Song 8-7; Clarify 8-4; Colourful 8-4; Prince Ariel 8-4; Cobalt 7-11; Limejuice 7-9.

THE KALYAN PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 3,000; second Rs. 1,000; and third Rs. 500. A handicap for Indian horses, 4 years old and upwards in Class 'A'.

Princess Mumtaz 9-3; Pista-Badam 8-6; Prominent 9-2; Iceland 8-13; Churchill 8-11; Truefit 8-7; Manmohan 8-7; Inside Information 8-5; Mohanmala 8-5; Victory 8-2; Liberty 8-1; Maharaj 8-0; Prince Saleem 8-0; Tap Dance 7-12; Junket 7-12; Ginger Cat 7-11.

THE VELLARD PLATE. Division I.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; second Rs. 700; and third Rs. 300. A handicap for horses in Class IV.

Ben Braggie 9-4; Aa La Grande 9-2; Telegraph 9-2; Spun Glass 9-0; Sharda 8-11; Etna 8-9; Golden Son 8-9; Blue Gold 7-7; Alan-a-Dale 8-7; Column Two 8-3; Brother Scribe 8-2; Tregenna 8-2; Dynamo 8-0.

Sikhs And Unionists

CAWNPORE, Dec. 30

The "United Press" understands that Master Tara Singh, the Akali leader, who could not attend due to the sudden death of the Punjab Premier has sent a message to Mr. V. D. Savarkar, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji and Dr. B. S. Moonje stating that some of them should come to the Punjab immediately to compose the differences between the Sikhs and the Hindus in the Punjab so that they could present a united front against the Unionist Ministry.—United Press.

Hindu Women To Participate In Mahasabha Politics

Demand For Simultaneous Mahila Parishad Annual Session Accepted

CAWNPORE, Dec. 30.

The open session of the Hindu Mahasabha commenced at 4-30 p.m. Mr V. D. Savarkar presiding.

On the rostrum was hung a garlanded photograph of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya whose 82nd birthday is being celebrated all over the country today.

After the 'Vande Matram' song and recitation of three poems in praise of the President, Mr. Savarkar moved first the resolution offering felicitations to Pandit Malaviya on his birthday. He paid eloquent tributes to the veteran leader whom he described as the founder, inspiration and guide of the Hindu Mahasabha organisation.

The resolution was carried amidst shouts of "Madan Mohan Malaviyaji-ki-jai."

This was followed by two resolutions of condolence moved from the Chair on the demise of Sir M. N. Mookerji and Mr. Gyanchand Verma, the resolution was passed all standing.

Rai Bahadur Harish Chandra (Delhi) next moved the resolution congratulating Dr. Shyam Prasad Mookherji on his resignation of Finance Ministership of Bengal Government. He said that Dr. Mookerji's services in the cause of the Hindus in Bengal in particular were too well-known to be enumerated.

Mr. B. G. Khaparde (Amraoti) seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously amidst applause.

Mr. Chandra Narain (Bareilly) next moved the resolution regarding celebration of 20th century of Vikrami Samvat. He was supported by Mr. Gopeshwar Babu Mehra (Bareilly) and Mr. Chandra Gupta Vaidalankar (Delhi). The resolution was passed.

PLEA FOR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Jankibai Joshi (Poona) moving the resolution recommending that a Hindu Women's Conference (Mahila Parishad) should be held simultaneously with the All-India Hindu Mahasabha Session, declared it was time that they realised the important role that women played in their homes and it was but proper that they should be encouraged to take interest in political matters. The course she had suggested would enable them to know and appreciate the principles for which the Hindu Mahasabha stood. She hopes that the Conference would accept the proposition without any dissent. Since 1935 she continued women had been off and on taking part in the deliberations of the Mahasabha. It was only at the Bhagalpur Session that they were advised to keep themselves aloof and she found that at the present Cawnpore Sessions women were not taking as much interest as they should.

Mrs. Savitri Dularey Lal (Lucknow) supported the resolution, endorsing the views expressed by the mover, whereafter the resolution was unanimously carried.

SYMPATHY FOR CYCLONE VICTIMS.

Mr. Ashutosh Lahiri (Bengal) moved the resolution expressing sympathy with the people of Midnapore and 24 Parganas in Bengal and Orissa who had suffered during the recent cyclone and the people of Sind owing to floods. He complained that prompt relief could not be arranged to the sufferers in time.

Pandit Vishwanath Shastri (Orissa) supported Mr. Lahiri and detailed the havoc caused by the cyclone in the affected parts of Orissa.

The resolution was passed.

ORGANISE DEFENCE PARTIES.

Mr. Anand Priya (Baroda), moving the resolution recommending to the Hindu Mahasabha to organise defence parties for self-protection and internal security in co-operation with other organisations, emphasised advisability of arranging such parties and said that in case of emergency, they could render valuable assistance to the public.

Mr. Chandra Karan Sarda (Ajmer) seconding the resolution pleaded that Government should grant necessary facilities to the formation of defence parties. The resolution was passed.

SECRETARY RESIGNS.

The 'United Press' understands that Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has tendered his resignation.

Before adjourning the session till tomorrow afternoon Mr. V. D. Savarkar in a brief speech said that the two main resolutions of the session would come up before the house to-morrow.

The issues which concerned them most were the demand for Pakistan and the Mahasabha's programme in the immediate future.

The Hindus, he concluded, were a nation, while others were communities (loud applause).

A.-I. Educational Conference Decisions

INDORE, Dec. 30.

The All-India Educational Conference met here in general session yesterday afternoon with Rt. Hon. Dr. Jayakar presiding. The reports of the sectional conferences of teacher training, vocational education, secondary education, childhood and home education and internationalism and peace were presented by the secretaries. There was a symposium on wartime education by Professor Dewanchand Sharma, (Lahore), Mrs. Clarence Gasque (Kashmir) and Mr. M. S. Sundaram, Government of India.

Thirteen resolutions have hitherto been passed by the conference, recommending that:—National system of education should ensure adequate equipment, morally intellectually and physically for carrying out the social obligations of citizenship. All children should have equal opportunities. General educational facilities should not be restricted or neglected during wartime. Educational administration should be characterised by greater sympathy. Training for national defence should be provided. Closer relations should be established between educational and industrial and commercial interests.—A. P.

A Guide To Bombay

The "Times of India" Press has just published a small guide to Bombay. It is edited by Mr. Michael H. Brown and costs only 2 annas. The price is low considering the illustrations and map that it contains. The guide is intended for the benefit of the members of the armed forces visiting the city. It is a useful and reliable guide to them for many things that matter. But of the real city of Bombay and its citizens it gives little or no information.

"Blitz" Editor Weds

The wedding of Mr. R. K. Karanjia, the editor of "The Blitz" a well-known English weekly of Bombay, with Miss Aileen Vachha came off at the Aibless Baug on Wednesday evening. A large cosmopolitan gathering was present. Sirdar Dastur Noshirwan Kaikobad, the head-priest of the Parsis in the Deccan, assisted by another Parsi priest officiated at the "Ashirwad" ceremony. Guests were entertained to a dinner.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER AT HIGH COURT PREMISES

Abdul Karim alias Ramappa has been arrested by the Bombay C. I. D. in connection with the murder of an Irani, restaurant-keeper in the High Court compound on 21st night.

The suspect, it is stated, was arrested the same night at Forjett Street after a theft alleged to have been committed by him in that locality. On a search of his person the police discovered a blood-stained knife and articles belonging to the deceased.

After careful investigation Inspector Quilter and Sub-Inspector Khan of the Crime Branch of the Bombay C. I. D. succeeded in tracing the blood-stained clothes which the accused had secreted after the murder.

DELHI C.C. BEATS PATIALA TEAM

MEERUT: In the final of the All-India Cricket Tournament Delhi Cricket Club beat Free Lancers Cricket Club, Patiala, by ten wickets.

Seksaria College Re-opens

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 30.

The acting principal of the Govindram Seksaria College in Wardha in a statement says that the College Government Body has decided to run the College from January 7 in the Nawabharat Vidyalaya building till the Government releases the College building from their possession. He hopes that the Nagpur University will accommodate the students by postponing the examinations in order to give enough time for completing the courses. Hostel arrangements have also been made for the students.—A. P.

K. H. Ara's Paintings On View To-day Also

The exhibition of paintings by the well-known artist K. H. Ara at the Bombay Art Society's Saloon at No. 6 Rampart Row will be kept open to-day (Thursday) also between 10 a.m. to 2-30 p.m. and 4-30 to 7-30 p.m.

Forward Bloc Student Arrested

PATNA, Dec. 30.

The special branch police arrested Divakar Sharma of village Ambara, against whom a warrant under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules has been pending from August last. Divakar Sharma is a prominent Forward Blocist and the Joint Secretary of the Bihar Students' Federation.

SACRIFICED COW

Pandit Balaram Misra, a Congressman of the Benares Tahsil, was arrested by the police for detention under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

On a charge of sacrificing a cow on the occasion of the Bakr-Id in contravention of the restriction order, four Muslims of the Adampur War were sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment under Section 38(5) of the Defence of India Rules.

BASANTI DEVI SENTENCED

Sreejukta Basanti Devi was convicted and sentenced in Purulia to three months' rigorous imprisonment under Section 448 I.P.C on a charge of trespassing into Majhiha Ashram which had been seized by the police in August last.

She was also charged under Section 39(5) of the Defence of India Rules for being in possession of prejudicial leaflets, but no separate sentence was awarded under that charge.

Mr. Harakali Mukherjee, Magaram Mahati and Sreematis Bhavani Debi and Santa Debi were also convicted under the same offence and sentenced to six months', three months; one month's and one month's imprisonment respectively.

CONGRESS WORKER ARRESTED

Copendranath Mukerjee, a Congress worker or Muragacha, and several others were arrested in connection with the Muragacha station burning case.

SUSPECTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER ARRESTED

DHUBRI, Dec. 30.

Mr. Mhaantram Raman, a local contractor and Mr. Manick Chandra Dutt, a teacher, were arrested in connection with an attempt on the life of a P.W.D. officer on November 16 last. This brings the total arrests in this connection to four.

The police also arrested at Dhubri, Padmadhar Barkakati and Kalidas Deb Sharma, student leaders, under Sections 129 and 38 of the Defence of India Rules. Some prejudicial leaflets in their possession are reported to have been seized by the police.—United Press.

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Flood Havoc In Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.

Several war plants are closed hundreds of homes, stores and streets are flooded and rail and motor transportation curtailed in wide Pittsburgh industrial areas today as rivers and streams overflowed their banks.

R. A. F. Pounds Sousse And Tunis Docks

VALETTA (Malta), Dec. 30.

Medium-bombers from Maltese bases on Monday night battered at Tunis and Sousse docks. Bombs rained down on the wharves and docks and warehouses. Great fires were already burning when British bombers swooped over Sousse and after they had pounded the port the flaming dock area could be seen fifty miles away.—Reuter.

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5 p.m. Abdul Haq. 5-10 Juthika Roy. 5-25 Gulabbai 5-35 Lakshman Prasad. 5-50 Iqbal Bano 6 Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan 6-45 Lakshman Prasad 7 Hindustan ki Sairbin. 7-15 Gulabbai. 7-25 Delhi Radio Orchestra 7-30 New writing in 1942. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 A review of 1942. 8-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 War inquiry. 10 Jang Nama 1942. 10-30 Lakshman Prasad. 10-45 European programme. 12 Twelve o'clock strikes!

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. V. U. B. Orchestra. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Ghazals, geets and naats. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Marathi bhavgeets. 9-30 Master Nisar. 9-45 Mohammad Shafi. 10 Swami Vallabhdas. 11 Air Orchestra. 11-15 Dinanath. 11-35 Ponnuswami. 11-45 Variety 12-45 p.m. News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Shrimatibai Narvekar. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Dinanath. 5-25 Mohammad Shafi. 5-40 Mohan Nagarkar. 6-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Swami Vallabhdas. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani 6-45 News commentary. 6-50 Instrumental Trio. 7 Motisinhji Mahida. 7-15 Master Nisar. 7-30 Bhajans. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7.55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Bhavgeet with orchestra. 8-15 Variety. 8-30 'Looking Back' by P.R. Moreas 8-45 Dot and dash. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 News relay. 9-40 News in English. 9-50 Interlude 10 Harmony. 10-15 Marching along. 10-30 Little night music. 10-45 South of Panama. 11 Souvenirs 11-15 Moment Russe. 11-30 Hit Revue. 11-55 Epilogue for 1942. 12 Vale Et Ave.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Shahnai Solos 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Tarana. 9 Musical interlude. 9-10 to 10-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

11 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

5 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-45 Commercial News 7-45 Shrimatibai Narvekar 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Swami Vallabhdas. 9-30 Mohammad Shafi 9-40 Master Nisar. 9-55 Dinanath. 10-15 Shrimatibai Narvekar.

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FOOD CRISIS—III

Reports from various places portend a frightful scarcity of foodstuffs in the country, and not the least distressing part of the tragedy is the apparent complacence of the Government of India and many of the provincial Governments. The situation in Bombay was bad enough a year ago and it has has grown steadily worse all these months in spite of—or perhaps because of—the measures adopted by the authorities concerned. Go where you will in the city, you find interminable queues of men and women spending long hours before the all too few Government grain shops and at last going away without any grain, with by no means pleasant words on their lips about the Government. Things are little better in the mofussil. From some places come reports of shops looted. In some others people are being half-starved or wholly starved. In several parts of Karnatak famine is already declared by Government and it may not be long before many other parts will find themselves in the same predicament. Thousands are migrating after selling their cattle for unconscionably low prices.

Government's Responsibility

The position in most other provinces, too, seems to be far from satisfactory. It can no longer be denied that there is an acute scarcity of foodstuffs quite apart from the difficulties of transport and the more common difficulties caused by food controllers' bungling, if not something worse. The half-hearted and make-believe "Grow More Food" campaign has naturally yielded but poor results. And all the time the people of the country are themselves suffering from scarcity, the benign Government have permitted export of foodstuffs to foreign countries without any military justification. For such export transport difficulties simply do not exist. They manifest themselves only when imports from abroad are suggested. There is ample land in the country more or less fertile and any number of men to till it. But the right organisation to utilise to the full the available resources is lacking, and the whole country is suffering in consequence. It may be that in the country as a whole there is just enough food to meet the bare necessities of the people if it is properly distributed but the Government of India, the only competent authority to ensure the necessary administrative co-ordination, are still fighting shy of the task.

Import Food

We have no desire to make political capital of the bungling and apparent callousness of the authorities in this matter We are only anxious that a terrible crisis which is impending should be averted by all possible means. The first thing necessary for this purpose is that all concerned, including the States, should realise that this is an all-India problem and that a representative central authority is necessary with full powers to ensure proper co-ordination. Naturally the best agency for the purpose is a truly national Government at the centre, responsible to the people, with similar Governments in the provinces. If for any reasons this is not immediately possible, the nearest possible approach to it must be attempted forthwith. As regards specific measures, actual wide-spread scarcity having been demonstrated, imports of foodstuffs from abroad are indispensable. The Indian Merchants' Chamber, which endorses this view, makes a cautious suggestion that at least two lakhs of tons of wheat should be made available in the first instance as early as feasible. It follows that all exports of foodstuffs, large or small, must stop at once. If Government think that it is not possible to secure priority in shipping for imports of food, we can only say that constitutional irresponsibility has destroyed their sense of proportion or of values. It will be good for them to realise betimes that vast numbers of starving men are not less terrible a calamity or menace to peace than any war exigency that one can imagine, must either exercise it efficiently for the benefit of the people or abdicate in favour of better and more competent men and a better system of administration.

A Striking Victory

The Russians have now capped their recent successes with a particularly heartening one. When the Red Army launched its offensives one after another and started rolling the Germans back on all sectors, the latter hoped to relieve their Stalingrad army and, indeed, to retrieve the whole situation by a big and determined counter-offensive. This was launched from Kotelnikovo in the area south-west of Stalingrad. It made some progress, too. Later, however, it was checked and now the Russians have not only smashed it but have also taken the Kotelnikovo itself, the base of Herr Hitler's major effort.

This is a striking victory for the Red Army. With the loss of Kotelnikovo the Germans have lost not only supplies and equipment, which must be immense, but also a vital communication centre through which alone they could help and reinforce their divisions trapped in Stalingrad. For those divisions there is little hope left. But that is not all. A double threat is now fast developing to Rostov and the German armies in the Caucasus with one Red force driving down from the north and now another from the north-east. The success of these drives will constitute a veritable disaster for Herr Hitler. For, in that case he will lose his Stalingrad divisions and his Caucasian armies and he will also have to face further dangers on the entire Russo-German front arising out of this disaster. It is, therefore, certain that he will do everything in a desperate effort to stop the Red Army now.

State Facts Fully

According to the Director of Public Information, Bombay, there was a "slight disturbance" at Worli Temporary Prison on Monday afternoon when about a hundred political prisoners "forced their way" into the yard and refused to return to their quarters. We are told further that "a few prisoners were injured" and are being treated in hospital, but we are not told how many they were even approximately and why they "forced their way" into the yard. Surely, they had a grievance, real or imaginary. Why is the information so studiously withheld from the public? Let us know at least the simple fact as to how many had to be sent to hospital and what is their condition at present. Secondly, if the prison officials only wanted that the prisoners should go back to their quarters, was a lathi charge necessary for the purpose? Was more force used than was necessary?

Frankly Speaking

Allied Air Campaign

While Japanese aircraft pay brief bi-weekly visits to Calcutta and Chittagong, Allied air forces are raiding Japanese bases, aerodromes and harbours in Burma, Siam, Indo-China and China. They are doing so day and night and in strength. It is a scientific and fairly effective campaign and the comparison between Allied and Jap activities shows the weakness of Japan as against the Allies. But air superiority alone cannot do much except as powerful support to a land campaign.

Axis In Tunisia

Apropos of the campaign in Tunisia, the British War Office review of the year righly admits that "there was just a chance that the vanguard of the First Army, if it advanced fast enough, might be able to rush Tunis and Bizerta before the enemy became too strongly ensconced. But the task was too great for the van guard." Bad weather, bad country and difficulties of communications have all been responsible for the failure. And the situation to-day is that the Germans are not only well dug in but are also able to exploit their initial advantages if only to a slight extent. Thus they are concentrating against the French because the latter are not so well equipped as the Americans or the British and have even managed a successful counter-attack in the Medjaz-el-Bab region. Ultimately, of course, and not in the very distant future either—the Allies will beat the Axis because Herr Hitler cannot afford to accept a major second front in Africa much less now when the Russians are menacing him so gravely.

Text Books In Indian Languages

Owing to the present difficulty of getting recognised English text books from Britain and America and their exorbitant cost even when obtainable, attempts are rightly being made to publish suitable substitutes here both in English and Indian languages. Educationists are also pleading a wider use of the Indian languages as the medium of instruction not only in schools but also colleges. The difficulties in the way of such extension are not insuperable. The whole question has been ably dealt with in a recent publication "Medium of Instruction" by Shriman Narayan Agarwal, Principal, Govindram Seksaria College of Commerce, Wardha. (Kitabistan, Allahabad, pages 55; price As. 12). We unhesitatingly endorse the opinion expressed by Gandhiji in his foreword to the book that it "should go a long way in dispelling the fear and distrust about the possibility and desirability of giving the highest instruction through the mother tongue". The Educational Conferences that are announced to be held this month will do well to discuss exhaustively the question of medium of instruction in colleges as well as schools and the publication of suitable text books in Indian languages.

ALLIED PATROLS BUSY IN LIBYA

CAIRO, Dec. 30.

Today's Middle east joint war communique states: "Our patrols operating against enemy positions west to Wadi-Bei-El Chebir yesterday engaged and destroyed some enemy vehicles; otherwise there is nothing to report. There was no increase in air activity over the battle area yesterday.

AXIS SHIP SUNK

A naval torpedo-aircraft attacked and sank a southbound enemy merchant ship off Pantellaria island during the night. On the same night the docks at Tunis and Sousse were successfully attacked. Yesterday our fighters shot down a Junkers 88 over the Central Mediterranean. All our aircraft returned from the above operations."

"REEMEE" DOES IT

"Reemee" as Britain's newest corps, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, are popularly called has enormously increased the proportion of damage or disabled tanks salved on the battlefield and returned to service. In the first month of the El-Alamein battle 'Reemee' repaired and put back into action over 1,200 British tanks.

'LOST UNIT' RETURNS

NEAR MEDJEZ-EL-BAB: The story is just told here how several days ago 7 miles behind the German lines without food and almost without ammunition and cut off from all means of cmomunication, Allied forces were being attacked continually and one of Britains crack fighting units was given up for lost. But four days after vanishing into the mountains towards Tunis, staggering from exhaustion, hungry and mudcaked, the first "lost unit" of the campaign fought its way back into British and American lines carrying its wounded.

In Ahmedabad

Police Open Fire Twice: Explosion In 2 Mills

Martial Law Court Awards Death Sentence To Youth For Attempt To Remove Fish-Plates

(THROUGH U.P. AND A.P.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30.

Police opened fire for the second time at Patasa Street to-day, when stone-throwing was indulged in. No one was injured.

One person was injured when police opened fire to-day to disperse a crowd which indulged in stone-throwing at Lunsawada. Stones were thrown at the police at two other places but none was injured. Four arrests were made including one under D.I.R.

EXPLOSION IN MILL

A bomb exploded to-night in the Old Commercial Mill. No damage was done.

Two more arrests were made to-day under D.I.R.

EXPLOSION IN ANOTHER MILL

Within fifteen minutes of the explosion of the bomb in the Old Commercial Mill another bomb exploded in the Maheshwari Mill. Both the bombs exploded in the compounds of the two mills. No damage or injury was caused.

FIRE IN AHMEDABAD MILL

A fire broke out at about 2 a.m. in the cloth department of a local mill.

The fire was put out in a short time.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN HALOL

A bomb is reported to have exploded at Halol in Panch-Mahals District, according to a local paper, which states that slight damage was done to the roof and wall of a building.

RESTHOUSES BURNT DOWN

SURAT:—The village resthouses (Chora) in Abrama and Kharsad in the Jalalpore Taluka have been burnt down. A building of the Forest Department in Chikli was set fire to and burnt last week. Records from some schools in the Jalalpore Taluka are reported to be missing.

RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Jayantilal Somabhai, son of Rao Bahadur Somabhai, President, Nadiad Municipality, who was arrested in connection with the Surat bomb case has been released on a bail of Rs. 1,000, says a report from Nadiad.

Mr. Trikamlal Sankalchand Parikh has resigned his membership from the District School Board, Nadiad.

TWO YEARS FOR SPEECH IN BREACH OF BAN

SATARA:—Mr. Bapusahib Shende of Rahimatpur, who was prosecuted for delivering a speech in contravention of the prohibitory order was awarded two years' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 200 or in default to undergo 3 months' R.I.

KOLHAPUR:—A few arrests have been made in connection with the recent explosions in the city.

ARMED GANG REMOVE DAFTARS

BELGAUM:—A search was conducted at the residence of one villager in Virapur. Nothing incriminating is, however, reported to have been found. Reports that gangs of armed persons attacked the houses of Kulkarnis or Patels in about half a dozen villages and removed the "daftars" have reached here.

RATNAGIRI CONVICTIONS

RATNAGIRI:—Two school boys from Vengurla were sentenced to 4 months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 50 or in default to undergo 2 months' R.I. each for distributing unauthorised bulletins. Two persons from Malwan were sentenced to 6 months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 60 or in default to undergo 2 months' R.I. each for prejudicial activities. Two college students from Bombay were given 6 months' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 50 or in default to undergo 2 months' R.I. each for illegal propaganda.

MORE GUNS STOLEN FROM POLICE STATION

NOWGONG:—It is reported that five more guns have been stolen from the Lahorighat Police Station area in the District of Nowgong during last week. In this connection several houses were searched by the police in that area and three youngmen have been arrested on suspicion.

17 PERSONS JAILED

DARJEELING: Mr. K. Roy, Magistrate-in-Charge, Darjeeling, delivered judgment in what is called the "Shiliguri Firing Incident" case in which 25 persons were prosecuted for holding a procession without permit, doing some prejudicial acts, rioting, assaulting and voluntarily causing hurt to public servants on September 9 last at Siliguri.

Out of the 24 accused, Pratul Kumar Maitra and Manmohan Ray have been sentenced to R.I. for one year and three months and to pay a fine of Rs. 100, in default three months' R.I. under the D.I.R. and to one year's R.I. under section 147 of the I.P.C. and six months' R.I. under section 152|149 of the I.P.C. The substantive sentences are to run concurrently.

Sentences ranging from two years and three months' R.I. to four months' simple imprisonment have been awarded to 15 other accused while Arun Kumar Gupta, a student, has been released on executing a bond for Rs. 200 for a period of two years, with one surety for like amount. Six of the accused were acquitted by the trying Magistrate.

DEATH FOR ATTEMPT TO REMOVE FISHPLATES

SUKKUR: The Martial Law court has delivered judgment in the case in which three youths were charged with attempting to remove railway fishplates near Sukkur. Hemmal Kalani has been sentenced to death and the other two, namely Nand Gordhandas and Kishin Gurnani have been acquitted.—

PANCHAYAT BOARD SUPERSEDED

MADRAS:—The Government of Madras have issued orders for the supersession of the Damal Panchayat Board in Chengleput District, for a period of six months for having passed a resolution supporting the resolution of the All-India Congress Committee, regarding Civil Disobedience and condemning the arrest of Congress leaders and the measures taken by Government to put down the Congress movement.

DACCA ARRESTS

DACCA:—Three youths have been arrested following searches of their respective residences, under Sec. 398 (attempted robbery) I.P.C., in connection with the recent raid on an excise and stationery shop on Nawabpur Road by some youths, who smashed some glass cases.

Information has been received here that Mr. Monoranjan Roy of Brahmankitta, P. S. Keranigunj, has been arrested under the D.I.R.

M.L.A.'S RADIO SET SEIZED

NAGPUR:—A message from Chanda says that a radio set belonging to Mr. Khusalchand Khazanchi, M.L.A. (C.P.) has been seized by the local police. A Wardha report says that the wireless licence for a radio set owned by Mrs. Savitridevi Bajaj, daughter-in-law of late Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, has been cancelled.

ARRESTED FOR STONE THROWING

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Three perons were arrested by the Bombay City Police last night for throwing stones at moving tram-cars on Sandhurst Road.

A police constable while on patrol duty along Kalachowki Road was slightly injured on Tuesday night as a result of a cracker being thrown on him. His clothes caught fire and he sustained burns.

1,000 Fine And Jail For Profiteering In Sugar

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 30.

Two sugar merchants have been fined Rs. 1,000 each for selling sugar at a rate higher than the control price in August and September and one of them has been sentenced also to three months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

Allied Wedge In Buna Expands

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific:—

A Communique issued to-day states: "BUNA area:—On the right our troops expanded their initial wedge still further to the west. On the left an enemy strong-point, containing 13 bunkers, was reduced at dusk. The enemy counter-attacked but was easily repulsed. The mopping up of captured positions is progressing. Our air units are active in support of the ground elements.

LAE: Allied heavy bombers bombed the aerodrome causing fires in several areas.

GASMATA: Allied medium-bombers bombed the enemy.

KAVIENG: In a prolonged night attack in one aerodrome area our medium-bombers started large fires one of which burned for ninety minutes. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered during the raid. All our planes returned.—Reuter.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

"Food Crisis"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I missed my "Bombay Chronicle" on the 25th December, and hence it is only to-day that I have been able to read the letter you have received from Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, together with your comments thereon in your leader.

My letter sent to you on December 23rd was necessarily in the briefest possible terms, and I would hesitate to seek the hospitality of your columns again were it not to remove one particular misunderstanding.

I have the greatest respect for Sir Purshotamdas' knowledge of the internal trading conditions of this country, and it would be a matter of real regret to me if he thought that my letter was prompted merely by an academic interest in the problem. I am personally associated with efforts of grain shops to feed hundreds of people. For months past I have had a very real interest in the practical aspects of the problem.

Nevertheless, unless the facts of the position are appreciated correctly we may all of us devote our attention to an aspect of the position relatively unimportant and miss the essentials. Therefore, facts and yet again facts are the things we should try to find.

With this preamble, may I please comment on one or two further points.

The figures I quoted are based on official publications available to the general public. Sir Purshotamdas refers to the refusal of some provinces to part with surplus food grains, and Mr. Devji Rattansey is more definite still when he says:

"Even to-day there is sufficient wheat in the Punjab and Indian States in the Punjab, but because of provincial jealousy and the Central Government not bringing sufficient pressure on these places, wheat is lying there instead of being exported to the needy provinces."

Surely this is an internal problem though the recognition of it as such should not prevent a demand for the importation of supplies to the greatest possible extent in order to make supplies assured and to assist in breaking down the reluctance of these provinces to release their stocks.

The last pre-war year estimates gave 43 million tons as British India's production of food grains (excluding sugar and tea). These estimates may not be as scientific as those of the U. S. A. I accept Sir Purshotamdas' view. But the estimates must be worth something. Let us take off 20 per cent as a margin of safety. We have say, 35 million tons. Let us assume that normal supplies can suffer to the extent of 20 per cent before a position of scarcity not to mention serious shortage, can properly arise. 1,000 ships of 7,000 tons each. Do we seriously believe that anything like such quantities are leaving India in these days?

I have stated the facts as I have found them. If there are further facts, by all means let us have them—not from the stand point of academic interest, but to enable us to know that remedies are directed in the proper direction. With that I think we will all agree.

I do not write in any spirit of carping criticism. I write because I sincerely believe that concentration on the export of food grains as an explanation of the present position means the grasping of a shadow and missing the substance. I sincerely believe that food grains in the country are not inadequate as is generally supposed. Nevertheless, let us have complete prohibition of export to other countries. Let us import all we can. Yet I fear the main problem would still remain. I still believe that problem to be one of internal distribution and normal trade.

Finally, a constructive suggestion: If imported goods are wanted by Government, there is a system called a "demand for information". Collectors of Customs have the organisation to operate it. It works with some creaking, but not without efficiency. Apply that analogy to the food grain trade of India. Establish a district organisation which stands at the point where the grain leaves the agriculturist and goes into the market. Pay the real grower of crops a fair price which will encourage full production, and then distribute through trustworthy agencies, government or otherwise.

I had not intended to elaborate on the tea question because, whilst tea is a desirable necessity, it is hardly a food essential. But since you ask me whether I can throw any useful light on the subject, I will do what I can. The figure of 700 million pounds is quoted as an expectation. Hopes for the future have probably exceeded the facts of the case. The reference to 332 million pounds is probably the exportable surplus and not the annual production. I can only assume that. The official facts are:

(1) The estimated production in the pre-war years quoted for British India alone was 415 million pounds (lbs.).

(2) The actual exports for the pre-war years quoted were 315 million pounds (lbs.).

It would seem, therefore, that pre-war trade in this country proved that something in the region of 300 and odd million pounds was an exportable surplus in all normal conditions. To the extent that current exports do in fact exceed that figure, India would be encroaching upon her own normal supplies. These figures show that the tea problem is not primarily a food grain problem. Tea is substantially a money crop and the problem is akin to the problem of the export of surplus wool from Australia.—Yours, etc.,

A. McINTOSH.

8 Dongarsi Road,
Malabar Hill, Bombay,
December 29.

How To Control Prices

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The Control of Prices has been successful in South Africa, because no wholesaler is allowed to sell to any other wholesaler. The law enjoins his selling to a retailer only. Again no retailer is allowed to sell his stuff to another retailer. The law makes it obligatory upon him to sell it to a consumer only.

In Bombay and other parts of India speculation is permitted to be done on public roads and private places with the result that except the merchants who have made tons of money on account of the war, the poor and the middle classes are put to great inconvenience. The Government servants controlling the machinery of Food Control whose salaries run into four figures do not and cannot realize what hardships is caused to the poor and the middle classes by their policy of drift. If they want the control of prices to be a success, let them have a pucca control and let the Government make it a penal offence for one wholesaler to sell to another wholesaler and for one retailer to sell to another retailer. Speculation must be stopped with an iron hand.—Yours, etc.

SHAMDAS P. GIDWANI,
General President,
Hindu Mahasabha, Karachi.

Savarkar's Address

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Let me confess at the very outset that Savarkar's address has given me the deepest disappointment of my life. I expected something better from the head of "the second great All-India Hindu organisation". He has done nothing to give any satisfaction to the Musalmans; on the contrary, he reminds them of their inferior position as a minority, a situation which the Musalmans are not going to accept. His references to the disintegration of the Muslim rule in India and the part alleged to have been played by the Hindu confederacy is utterly misplaced and calculated to incite the Musalmans who, by way of reply, will remind Savarkar of the crushing defeat the Marathas, for instance, had suffered at the battle-field of Panipat. Thus, this exchange of blasts and counter-blasts will go on 'ad infinitum' ending in a further deterioration of Hindu-Muslim relations. The last paragraphs are simply mischievous and provocative and no sane politician could have done so specially at a time when India is actually passing through the ordeal of war. This address has proved beyond any shadow of doubt that it is foolish to expect the Hindu Mahasabha to guide the destinies of India on truly national lines. Yours, etc.,

"AN INDIAN."

Bombay, Dec. 30.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Hans Fritsche, the German political commentator in a broadcast to-night, described the Red Army as being like "the Hydra which grows a new head the moment another has been cut off." After giving a list of Axis achievements he concluded: "Of course we realise that the fortunes of war are bound to change from time to time."—Reuter.

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There is a feeling prevalent in some Bombay circles that the Viceroy should now be informed about the food situation in Bombay.

But we deprecate the suggestion. His Excellency is so busy with other infinitely more important and urgent pre-occupations that he should not be allowed to disturb himself. Which he would by inevitably postponing other work to plant more vegetables in the Viceroy's House.

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A Lahore report says that there are now at least two men in the field for the Premiership of the Punjab.

The entires are not yet complete, however.

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According to Anglo-India Sir Firoz Khan Noon belongs to "the younger school of politicians."

Heaven help the youth then.

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The Calcutta "Statesman" believes that "something requires to be done and done urgently about Calcutta's air raid publicity."

We would suggest a series of non-stop statements from Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava, Civil Defence Member of the Government of India.

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As recurring President a la Qaid-e-Azam of the latest session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. V. D. Savarkar has made another striking pronouncement on the political situation in India.

But since there is nothing new or fresh about it we need do no more than congratulate Mr Savarkar on his great speech.

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But we apologise. There is one exception.

Lapsing into lucidity the Mahasabha leader declared that it was silly to believe that England was just waiting for a united demand in order to walk out of India.

We almost agree. England, of course, not waiting for but fearing a united demand.

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Among the resolutions to be passed at the Mahasabha session is one expressing appreciation of the A.R.P. authorities in Calcutta.

And quite rightly, too.

After all the Mahasabha does owe it to Sir J. P. Srivastava to acknowledge his and his Department's efficiency. And specially when meeting in Sir Jwala Prasad's Cawnpore.

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British soldier Trained To Play Any Part.
Turkish Commentator's Tribute.
—Headline.

We could have told the commentator long ago.

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Vigorous Patrolling In Tunisia.
—Headline.

Splendid.

* * *

London has sharply denied a German report that Mr. Anthony Eden is in Moscow.

He isn't, of course, and the Nazis are liars.

But why take the trouble denying it almost indignantly?

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A boy wrote in an examination paper: "Shakespeare lived at Windsor with his merry wives. He wrote tragedies, comedies and errors."

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"I'd gladly let my wife have the last word", the husband moaned, "if she would only come to it some time."

Secretary Of Mission To Lepers Dead

LONDON, Dec. 30.

While on the way to an appointment in the city the General Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, Mr. W. H. P. Anderson collapsed and died shortly after leaving his office. He had held the appointment since 1917. Chartered Accountant by profession, he relinquished a promising career in 1905 to work among lepers in India, and under his direction and control treatment of leprosy was developed and extended. Mr. Anderson at his own request was to have been relieved of his duties this year, but as his successor had not yet arrived in this country he carried on.—Reuter.

Indian Trainees In Engineering

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The High Commissioner is visiting on the New Year's Day Indian trainees who are undergoing the course of general engineering. This is the fifth group of 50 trainees to take six months' course.

It is understood two groups have already returned to India after training.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 30.

On Wednesday, the New York cotton market was irregular. There was trade price-fixing and outside buying inspired by large Lease and Lend needs for raw and textiles. Later on there was local selling and increased realising on technical considerations but next months were comparatively steady.

At the opening March was quoted 3 points down at 19.18 and advanced to 19.25 which was the highest level. Thereafter prices declined to 19.13 on general selling and the market closed at a net rise of 10 points to a decline of one point. Spot cotton prices gained 2 points at 20.92c. per lb.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady and closed at a decline of 3 points to unchanged. Spot cotton was unchanged at 19.85c. per lb.

PRIVATE CABLES.

New York March highest (10-18 a.m.) ..... 19.25+04
New York March lowest (2-21 p.m.) ..... 19.13—06

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec. 29.

January	19.14+10
March	19.24+03
May	19.12—01
July	19.07—01
October	18.99—01
December	19.00—01
Middling Spot	20.92+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec. 29.

January	19.34
March	19.44
May	19.34—02
July	19.28—02
October	19.18—03
December	19.20
Middling Spot	19.85

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, Dec. 29.

March	19.17
May	19.07

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 30.

The local market was fairly steady and strength of January contract is helping the market. I.C.C. March opened at Rs. 407 and after declining to Rs. 406 improved to Rs. 408. January was quoted at Rs. 416. Trading in January will be permitted upto January 5th and thereafter there will be no fresh business beyond liquidation of outstanding contracts.

Towards the close there was improved buying and March delivery improved to Rs. 410. The market finally closed as under:—

I.C.C. January	Rs.	415	0 0
I.C.C. March		408	12 0
I.C.C. May		412	0 0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Dec. 29.

T T London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay Dec. 30.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot silver was quoted at 23 1/2d and New York spot silver stood at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was quietly steady. The recent liquidation has improved the technical situation and moderate recovery is expected. There was cessation of selling pressure and quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs	65	3 0
Posh		65	4 0
Sovereigns		47	12 0

SILVER

Ready		98	0 0
Posh		95	8 0

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 29.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 29.

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON WHEAT
London, Dec. 29.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe Dec/Jan quoted 26
Wheat South Australian Dec/Jan quoted 28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Dec. 29.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£67 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 5/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 15/16
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 1/2
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£114
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg)	£68
National Bank of India	£30 1/2

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 30.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months
B C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T [illegible] 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T [illegible] 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON
Banks selling T T [illegible] 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom. D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1 and 2 months 1/4 per cent
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent
Tone:—Small enquiry.

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, Dec. 29.

Cotton January 23/4; March 23/11. Tone: Easy. Rapeseed Maha 7/5; Jeth 7/6/9; Bajra Poos 6/11; Fagun 6/5; Unsteady on account of price control rumours.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH.
New York, Dec. 30.

Previous closing	19.24
To-day's opening	19.29
Difference	+.05

CROSS RATES
T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Dec. 30.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Dec. 30.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS
London, Dec. 30.

Castorseeds Bombay December/January (£29 quoted) unquoted.
Linseed Calcutta December/January (£26 quoted) £25 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December/January un quoted
Groundnut Coromandal December/January East Coast Indian shipment (£27 1/2) £27 1/2 quoted. West Coast Indian shipment (£30 quoted) £30 quoted.

LONDON METALS
London, Dec. 30.

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 30.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 30.

Spot (23 1/2) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES
London, Dec. 30.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 30.

The London Stock Exchange was generally firm to-day.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
5 per cent Commonwealth £101 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 5/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 11/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 1/2
4 per cent War Loan £113 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 15/16
3 per cent War Loan £102 5/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/8

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 23-7 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 46-3
Electric Music Industry 20-4 1/2
Princhin Johnson 31-6
Imperial Chemical 35-7 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 59-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79
Dunlop Rubber 35-6
Unilever Ordinary 33-9
Ford Motors 31-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 31/32
Carreras 'A' £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 7/32
P and O Defd 31-4 1/2
Distillers 85-0
Bredford Dyers 14-7 1/2
British Celanese 15-10 1/2
J and P Coates 41-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 45-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 16-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 18
Inter Nickels 44 1/2
Indian Iron 48-9

TEA SHARES
Assam 21-6
Donaro Tea 34-6
Rubber Plant 22-9

JUTE
Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch 13-9
Gula Kelampong 8-9
Rubber Plant 18-1 1/2

MINING SHARES
Nandydrog 20-0
Burma Corporation 5-9
Rio Tintos £10
East Rand Properties £1 27/32
Rand Mines £6 7/8 X Div

MINE SHARES
Crown £8 1/2 X Div
Associated Portland Cement 54-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 75-0
Sub-Nigel £5 3/4 X Div
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 7/8 X Div
Union Corporation 146-3

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 34-4 1/2
Anglo-India 79-4 1/2
Burma Oil £2 7/8
Mexican Eagle 11-0
Shell Transport £3 5-16
Royal Dutch £25

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £57 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £28 1/2
London North Eastern Defd £4 3/4
London Southern Defd £23 3/8
London Transport 5 per cent £128 1/2
London Transport 'C' £55

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 30.

General Motors (dol 43 3/4) dol 44
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 23 3/4) dol 24 1/4
United States Steel Common (dol 47) dol 47 3/4
United States Steel Preference (dol 109 1/2) dol 109 1/2

Akola Cotton Market

AKOLA, Dec. 29.

Upto December 26: Total Kapas carts arrived:—14,245, while last year on same date, the arrival was: 45,553 carts. To-day only 50 carts arrived and the Kapas rate for Jarila was Rs. 150 per Khandi, while Rozia the rate was Rs. 120 per Khandi. Cotton Jarila January local delivery is quoted at Rs. 416, while Bombay delivery quoted at Rs. 419; Cottonseed ready is quoted at Rs. 39-8 per Khandi, while January delivery opened at Rs. 38-13, later improved to 39-9, declined to 39-5, and is quoted at Rs. 39-7. Oil is quoted at Rs. 27-14 per maund.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Dec. 30.

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	81	4	0
Highest	83	10	0
Lowest	81	4	0
Closing	83	4	0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	84	0	0
Highest	84	8	0
Lowest	84	0	0
Closing	84	8	0

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 25th day of December 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES:—

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	15,44,30,000
Notes in circulation	570,36,01,000
Total Notes issued	585,80,31,000
Total Liabilities	585,80,31,000

ASSETS:—

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	.....
Sterling Securities	404,83,39,000
Total of A.	449,24,82,000
B. Rupee Coin	14,16,96,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	122,38,53,000
Total Assets	585,80,31,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 76.689 per cent.

Statement of the Affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 25th December 1942.

LIABILITIES:—

Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Government of India	17,14,81,000
(2) Government of Burma	1,86,78,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	6,80,35,000
(b) Banks	48,66,32,000
(c) Others	5,00,23,000
Bills Payable	1,63,39,000
Other Liabilities	5,00,70,000
Rupees	96,12,58,000

ASSETS:—

Notes	15,44,30,000
Rupee Coin	11,22,000
Subsidiary Coin	3,29,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	43,44,000
Balances held abroad*	70,98,00,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	58,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	22,50,000
Investments	5,98,27,000
Other Assets	2,33,56,000
Rupees	96,12,58,000

*Includes Cash & Short term Securities.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Dec. 30.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday.	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	1,335	32,270	21,849
Central India	.....	10,974	7,942
Barsi and Nagar	51	7,597	21,347
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	3,303	1,911
Berar	1,496	56,407	67,983
Central Provinces	.....	6,029	26,577
Total Oomras	2,882	116,580	147,609
Dholeras	.....	7,294	13,097
N W Provinces	.....	414	949
Rajputana	.....	.....	312
Sind-Punjab	2,689	188,481	156,368
Broach	67	15,913	15,964
Coompta and Dharwar	.....	52,303	5,566
Westerns-Northerns	.....	14,829	5,930
Cocoanads	.....	.....	.....
Tinnevelly and Cambodias	.....	14,343	7,546
Arrived by road to 24th December 1942	.....	18,500	32,500

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, Dec. 30.

Groundnuts May	12	0	0
Silver Posh	6	0	0
Gold Posh	3	4	0

Story Of A Radio Set

Mr. Kamalnayan, Jamnalal Bajaj sends us the following:—

To,
Shrimati Savitridevi Bajaj,
C/o. Bachhraj Jamnalal,
Wardha (C. P.)

According to the Letter No. E.W.-36 /5-14, dated the 10th December 1942, from the Postmaster General, Central Circle, Nagpur to the Sub Post Master, Wardha, I. P. M. Gupta, Sub Inspector of Police Wardha has come to seize the radio set belonging to Shrimati Savitridevi Bajaj bearing Licence No. 345964.

Sd/- P. N. GUPTA.
S. I.
WARDHA.
22-XII-42

Wardha.
Dated 22nd December 42.

Bachhraj Bhawan.
Wardha Dated 22-12-42.

The Sub Inspector of Police,
WARDHA.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of even date addressed to Shrimati Savitridevi Bajaj who at present is the detention prisoner in Central Jail, Jubbulpur. Ever since she was arrested in the early second week of September, the radio set in case has not been used. Not only that but it has been locked by her before her arrest. Leaving that apart, when she is not here, I feel unable to give delivery of the same.

I further make a humble request to your goodself to be at least courteous in the official formalities for writing a letter. I think the official letter usually ends with the following words" "Yours Obedient Servant etc" which is also missing in your letter. I do not for a moment think that you have done it deliberately but it must have been a clerical mistake.

I hope to be excused for the troubles.

Yours Faithfully,
Sd/- K. J. Bajaj.

Prince And Princess Albrecht Schaumburg-Lippe Dead

LONDON, Dec 30.

The German radio stated that Prince and Princess Albrecht Schaumburg-Lippe died from coalgas poisoning at Lintz on Christmas Eve. They were found dead in their bedroom the following morning. Investigation showed that death was due to carbon monoxide escaping from a defective stove added the announcer. —Reuter.

Adrift In Atlantic For 10 Days

Ordeal Of Doctor's Wife And 34 Other Survivors Of Torpedoed Ship

NEW YORK, Dec 30.

A British woman, Mrs. A F. Fowler, who with 34 men from a torpedo ship drifted for ten days in the Atlantic in a small open life-boat, told the story of her ordeal here on Tuesday.

She is the wife of an English Doctor and daughter of a noted civil engineer, the late Sir Henry Japp.

After reaching New York from the Gold Coast, she said, "We were some days out from land when a German submarine struck us. The ship was ploughing through a pitchblack night with 55 people on board. I was sitting on the deck knitting a sweater when a torpedo suddenly hit us amidship blowing two of our four lifeboats to bits".

Mrs. Fowler spent the following ten days with thirty-four male survivors in a small rudderless lifeboat. Two members of the crew attempted to commit suicide. The whole party suffered from extreme thirst

STRIKE LAND IN CARIBBEAN

Describing the confusion in the darkness Mrs. Folwer said, "I slid down a rope into a lifeboat. Sharks followed the boat constantly. One day a seaplane cruised overhead and flew off. A few hours later a second plane appeared, only missed us again.

The reaction when they flew on without seeing us was terrific. On November 20 after ten days adrift the lifeboat and its cargo reached an island in the Carribean.

Flares and rockets were sent up and then a motor torpedo boat came out and rushed us to piers where we were met with hot drinks."—Reuter.

MUST GIVE 2 MONTHS' NOTICE BEFORE WEDLOCK

Regulations On Yankee Soldiers "Sweet On" British Girls

LONDON, Dec. 30.

A code of stringent regulations was issued to-night from United States Army headquarters in Britain applying to American soldiers who desire to marry British girls. Such soldiers must give two months' notice.

They will not be allowed privileges or living arrangements different from those for single men. They are warned that their wives may not be allowed to accompany them if they are posted to other stations.

While marriage will give the brides exemption from immigration quotas, it will not carry United States citizenship. Soldiers marrying without their commanding officers' consent will be court-martialled.

SWISS NATIONAL OPPOSITION PARTY TO BE BANNED

BERNE, Dec. 29.

The Swiss Federal Council decided to ban the political organisation known as National Opposition on the ground that it is pursuing a policy contrary to the maintenance of Swiss independence and neutrality and is prejudicing the security of the country.

The leaders of the Party which has long been known to be publicly associated with subversive national socialist elements outside the country are to stand trial.—Reuter.

"TRITON" SINKS DESTROYER BEFORE GOING DOWN

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Reuter's special correspondent in Cairo writes:

The Greek Government's statement reveals to-day that while the Greek submarine "Triton" was being rammed by one Axis destroyer, it succeeded in torpedoing another destroyer.

On December 11 the "Triton" torpedoed a merchant vessel sailing in convoy off the island of Andros. She was immediately attacked by two escorting destroyers which dropped 15 depth charges with the result that the "Triton's" lights were extinguished and chlorin gas began to pour from the ship's accumulators.

The submarine surfaced and torpedoed one of the destroyers while it was simultaneously rammed by the other. Most of the crew were taken prisoner after fighting to the very last.—Reuter.

SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON PASSES AWAY

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Death has occurred in London of Sir Neville Henderson.

Sir Neville Henderson died in his sleep at his Westend residence last night. He has been ill for some time.

Sir Neville Henderson, former British Ambassador in Berlin, whose death was announced to-day was born in 1882 near Horsham in Sussex. He entered Foreign Office in 1905 and saw service in many parts of the world notably twice in Russia, and in Japan, France and Yugoslavia, where he was Minister. He went from Belgrade in 1935 to become Ambassador in Argentina, whence in 1937 he was appointed to Berlin, where he remained until the outbreak of war. That last task he fully and frankly described in his well-known book "Failure of a Mission".

On his return to England Sir Neville Henderson threw himself heart and soul into the organisation of the Home Guard in Lincolnshire where he lived. He was a bachelor and essentially a man of studious habits and tastes to whom an occasional game of golf or a day's shooting were the only relaxations. He had been ill for some time before his death.—Reuter.

New German Terror In Poland

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Germany has started a new massed terror in Poland, says a report reaching the Polish Government in London. Widescale arrests and public executions have taken place in Silesia.—Reuter.

Gale Sweeps Dover Straits

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Very wintry weather is being experienced in the Straits of Dover to-day. The Straits were swept by a north-west gale with snow showers during the night and again to-day.—Reuter.

Czarist Leader Arrested And Taken To Germany

LONDON.—A Paris report to the Free French paper "France" says that the German Gestapo in Paris have arrested Serge Tretiakoff, the well-known Russian Czarist leader and taken him to Berlin for "safe keeping."

Serge Tretiakoff was arrested some time back on charges of being a Soviet agent and betraying the whole Czarist movement in France.

The Czarist leader was a leading industrialist in Russia before the revolution and he escaped to France where he founded an anti-Bolshevik refugee colony. When Germany attacked Russia last year, he sunk his difference with Moscow and called upon his followers to stand by their fatherland.—India Press Service.

BENGALI AUTHOR DEAD

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

The death occurred at his Calcutta residence this afternoon of Mr. Bijay Chandra Mazumdar, the Bengali author, lawyer and anthropologist. Mr. Mazumdar was 82 years of age. He was legal adviser to the Sambalpur State in Orissa for a long time and held the Chair of Anthropology at the University of Calcutta.—A. P.

Tojo Means What He Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

A warning against too optimistic a reading of Tojo's speech to the Japanese Diet was given in to-day's (Wednesday's) "New York Herald Tribune".

The newspaper stated "it is not Tojo's habit to make empty promises as compensation for lack of inspiring news. If he says that Japan is preparing for action elsewhere, he probably means just that and it is just what observation of Japan's military career in China has taught her enemies to expect".—Reuter.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29.

A "communique" announces that Japanese columns which launched an offensive on the Hupeh-Anhwei border occupied Kwangtsi, Susung, Taihu and Lotien.—Reuter.

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HINDU YOUTHS SHOULD JOIN ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE

Advice To Students By Moonje, Mookerji And Misra

CAWNPORE, Dec. 30.

A resolution urging all Hindu students to acquire military training and become so strong that they should be able to retaliate any attempts against the integrity of India was adopted by the All-India Hindu Students Federation which met this morning under the presidentship of Dr. B. S. Moonje.

Dr. Moonje, in his address, advised the students not to get themselves mixed in controversies of political parties but understand and comprehend the fundamental essentials of politics in the country. He declared that the youth must be prepared to defend their motherland and exhorted them to equip themselves for the task by acquiring military training and joining the army in large numbers.

"If the Hindu youths enter the army in large numbers" he continued "and maintain their proportion of strength all talk of Pakistan will disappear like a mist before the rising sun."

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji addressing the Conference observed that Hindu youths should be revitalised and reorganised.

Dr. Mookerji went on to assure that Hindus were prepared to give a fair deal to other communities but would not tolerate any attempt to divide the country. Dr. Mookerji wanted India to be ruled by Indians and was opposed to any foreign domination.

Inaugurating the conference Mr. H. G. Misra advised students to strengthen their own organisation through which they could prove themselves useful to the society. He was opposed to students frittering away their energy and time by frequent resort to strikes and hartals and he impressed on them to so conduct themselves as to prove worthy citizens in their after life.

Resolutions were also passed reiterating its belief in "Akhand Bharat", complete independence for the country and deciding to organise itself on the Hindu Mahasabha principles. The conference also expressed full confidence in the leadership of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.—A. P.

Provincial Paper Controller

The Government of Bombay has appointed the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Charni Road Gardens, Bombay, as Provincial Paper Controller. All requests for the supply of paper should be addressed to that Officer direct.

Mysore To Meet Hyderabad In Ranji Tourney

BANGALORE, Dec. 30.

The Central Provinces and Berar having intimated their intention to withdraw from the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament this year, it is understood Mysore will now meet Hyderabad in the Southern Zone Final.

Mysore has now invited Hyderabad to stage the match in Bangalore and in case Hyderabad is unable to accept the invitation has suggested 9, 10th and 11th January 1943 for matches at Hyderabad.—A. P.

Bombay Hockey League

The Lusitanians "A" were fairly and squarely beaten by the Customs in Division I of the Bombay Hockey League on Wednesday evening. Never playing alike on two occasions together, the Lusites were below form when the Customs caught them napping, and lost the match by 2 clear goals.

In the other two matches, Juvenile S. C. beat Punjab Hockey Club by 3 love, while Khatau S. C. got the better of Mackinnon Mackenzies by 7 goals to nil.

There will be no games to-day and on the 1st January.

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE FOR HARRY BOBO FOR DURATION OF WAR

COLUMBUS (Ohio), Dec. 30.

Harry Bobo is recognised as the world heavy-weight champion for the duration of the war by the Ohio Boxing Commission following his Points Victory over Buddy Walker here in a ten round contest held yesterday.

Bobo sprang into prominence last April when defeating Len Franklin, a heavy-weight title contender in one round. He is 21 year old Negro from Pittsburgh.—Reuter.

Medical Officers To Have Military Experience

MADRAS, Dec. 30.

The Government have decided that honorary appointments of medical officers in Government medical institutions should be reserved to persons with military service. If and when suitable medical officers with military service become available they will replace honorary medical officers who have no military service to their credit.—A.P.

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Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, C/o The Administrative Commandant, Quetta.
Deputy Technical Recruiting Officer, 125, Market Road, Rawalpindi.
Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, No. 2, Civil Lines, Sargodha.
Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Krishna Lodge, Near Bhed Nala Bridge, Kachehry Road, Sialkot.
Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Madura Road, Trichinopoly.
Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Bharat Building, Railway Station Road, Trivandrum.

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Charlie Chaplin in "Great Dictator" at Strand.

"Drums Of The Congo" At Capitol

Throbbing with the beat of jungle tom toms, Universal's new adventure drama of the African interior, "Drums of the Congo", comes to Capitol from Friday, (tomorrow).

The film, said to reveal the intrigues of a behind-the-headlines Continent, features Ona Munson, Stuart Erwin, Peggy Moran, Don Terry, Richard Lane, Jules Bledsoe and Turhan Bey at the head of a large cast.

"Holiday Inn" At Regal

"Holiday Inn" brings together a most outstanding trio, Hollywood's top song writer, dancer and singer—Irving Berlin, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby.

It contains the greatest number of tunes ever written for a motion picture, fourteen—twelve of them new ones—and all by Irving Berlin. The two old Berlin songs heard are "Easter Parade" and "Lazy" two of his biggest hit tunes, still highly popular.

There will be show on Friday (tomorrow) at 10-30 a.m. at evening prices.

"Week-End In Havana" At Palace

Tropical magic, catchy hit songs, warm-blooded senoritas, dark-eyed Romeos, are neatly combined in the story of Twentieth Century-Fox's new musical, "Week-End in Havana", which is at Palace this week.

JUNGLE BOOK FOR THIRD WEEK AT EXCELSIOR

The "Jungle Book" starring Sabu is held over for the third week at Excelsior.

'The Pride Of The Yankees' At New Empire

"The Pride of the Yankees", one of Samuel Goldwyn's best productions will long be remembered for its sentimental, biographical details in the life of a stalwart New Yorker, who reached the pinnacle of fame without losing those precious qualities of simplicity, honesty and warm-heartedness.

Gary Cooper's perfomance as Gehrig is second only to his characterization of Sergt. York.

Poona Dramatic Company At Wellington Garrison Theatre

Bombay audiences, civil and military, are offered the chance of seeing "George and Margaret" the record-breaking comedy by Gerald Savoury which ran for nearly two years in London. This is the 25th production of this society, and it has all the polish and slickness for which this company are famed. The advance booking office is with Rose and Co., 20395, or with the Theatre direct, 20221.

"The Great Dictator" At Strand

Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" is the grand attraction of the New Year at Strand.

Chaplin gives a magnificent performance in a dual role. He appears as Adenoid Hynkel, Dictator of Tomania, a splendid caricature of Hitler. We also see him as a meek barber of the Ghetto, the Chaplin of old.

"Lady Hamilton" at Aurora

Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier enact a stirring love story in Alexander Korda's magnificent screen triumph "Lady Hamilton" at Aurora for current week.

Vivien Leigh in "Lady Hamilton" at Aurora.

Sabu in "the Jungle Book" at Excelsior in second week.

"Somewhere I'll Find You" At Metro

Clark Gable rises to his full stature in the role of a contemporary war correspondent in the Far East in "Somewhere I'll Find You", Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture co-starring Lana Turner, which comes to Metro to-day (Thursday).

The story is as timely as the latest war communique.

"Footlight Serenade" At Eros

With five tantalizing Robin and Rainger tunes, many colourful dance numbers and the thrilling background of a delightful story "Footlight Serenade" showing at Eros from Friday is bound to capture the hearts of the filmgoers and become popular on the lines of many other 20th Century-Fox successes.

Betty Grable, John Payne and Victor Mature are starred in this new musical which is hailed as the 'perfect tonic for the times'. Featuring love, laughs and lyrics, it is a merry musical treat.

"THIEF OF BAGDAD" AT PARADISE

United Artists magnificent Magic technicolour "The Thief of Bagdad" featuring Conrad Veidt, Sabu and Jane Duprez is shown this week at Paradise, Mahim.

NEW YEAR MORNING SHOW AT METRO

On Friday at 10 a.m. Laurel and Hardy in "Block-Heads" a Metro Goldwyn Mayer picture.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

I remember a long time ago writing about the Canteen on Mahatma Gandhi Road and how it failed to cater for the fighting men of our own country. It made certain ladies of the Hospitality Committee furious and Lady Petit even wrote a letter to the Press. The argument at the time was, if I recollect rightly, that, of course, the Canteen was open to Indians and I was supposed to be the silly ass who, being grossly misinformed as usual, was writing all these nasty things in the Press MALICIOUSLY. All I said after that was that the Ritz in London was also considered open to all, but nobody from that great Hospitality Committee with large hearts and large pockets could see my point of view. Imagine my surprise when I read in the papers yesterday an appeal from Lady Lumley for funds for a free Canteen and recreation ground for INDIAN soldiers and sailors in Bombay "WHO THOUGH WELCOMED AT THE CANTEENS ALREADY BEING RUN BY THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE (which I presume includes Lady Petit's) CANNOT AFFORD THE PRICES, LOW AS THEY ARE CHARGED THERE." The words are not mine, but Lady Lumley's.

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While I congratulate Lady Lumley on moving in this matter I cannot help feeling after reading Lady Lumley's appeal that it is surprising that all these Indian dames sitting on the Hospitality Committee could not see my point of view all these months and that the initiative had after all to come from an Englishwoman who had the courage to say that the present Canteens were only theoretcally open to Indian troops but that in practice they didn't do a damn for the sons of the soil.

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CHILE TO BREAK OFF WITH AXIS

SANTIAGO (Chile), Dec. 30.

Chile will break off diplomatic relations with the Axis before January 10, according to the Santiago newspaper "Defensa" tonight (Tuesday).

The evening newspapers "Despanda" says last night that Chile will break off relations with the Axis before January 10.

"According to well-informed circles rupture has already been decided upon, following examination of reports from the Chilean Ambassador in Washington and the Chilean Minister of Interior Senor Beltrami.

The "Despanda" says, "The formal announcement of this decision will be made as soon as the Minister of the Interior resumes his functions on January 6.

Senor Beltrami has been visiting the United States and various south American countries. He is to stay three days in Buenos Aires before returning to Santiago."—

The Senate on Tuesday discussed International affairs in secret session and usually well-informed quarters said that within a few hours the Senate would approve resolution severing diplomatic relations with the Axis.—Reuter.

Delhi Barbers On Strike

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29.

Local Hindu and Muslim barbers observed a holiday to-day. All the barbers have decided to observe one holiday every month.—Orient Press.

Grievances Of Medical Licentiates

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30.

A deputation led by Mr. A. D. Mukherji of the All-India Medical Licentiates Association, waited upon the members of the British Priority Committee while they were in Calcutta and placed the grievances of medical licentiates regarding the question of admission to the King's Commission.

The deputationists also discussed various other matters with the committee.—A. P.

New Technical Diploma

A diploma with the title "Dip. Tech." will in future be awarded to students who pass higher grade or senior technical courses at Collegiate institutions in Bombay Province.

The Government of Bombay has also empowered the Committee of Direction for Technical and Industrial Training to award such diplomas to students who have already passed from the Sir Cusrow Institute of Electrical Technology, Poona, in electrical technology, the Deccan Education Society's Technical Institute, Poona, in pigments, paints and varnishes, and the Poona School of Radio Physics and Electronics, in advanced radio communication.

INVASION WARNING TO FRENCH PEOPLE

B.B.C. Asks Those In Coastal Areas To Move Elsewhere

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Another invasion warning to the people of France was broadcast by the B.B.C. to-day.

French people living near war targets and in the coastal zone were told "you will find it to your advantage to move elsewhere."—Reuter.

Dickens' Great Grandson Awarded D. S. C.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

It is announced that Lieutenant Peter Gerald Charles Dickens, great grandson of the Novelist, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "courage and skill in attacks on enemy shipping off the French coast."—Reuter.

League Session In Bombay?

KARACHI, Dec. 30.

It is understood that Bombay will be the venue of the Easter session of the A. I. Muslim League. The meeting of the Sind Provincial League Working Committee which will meet at Dadu on Jan. 4, 1943 will consider 'inter alia' a letter from Mr. Jinnah on this subject.

Mr. Jinnah is stated to have suggested Frontier Province, Sind or Bombay from which to select the venue but meanwhile Bombay is reported to have definitely invited the session to meet there and it is expected that this will be confirmed allround.—A. P.

40,000 SO FAR KNOWN TO BE KILLED

BENARES, Dec. 30.

"The devastation caused by the cyclone and the tidal bore was equal to the ravages caused by major battles in modern wars. So far known, 40,000 people are killed which is four times the number of lives lost in the Bihar earthquake"—thus runs an appeal issued by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and other prominent citizens of Benares to the public for contribution to help the relief work at Midnapore and 24-Parganas.—United Press.

Scarcity Condition In Surat

SURAT, Dec. 30.

Surat has been experiencing scarcity of match-boxes and coal.

Reports of shortage of sugar and other daily necessities of life have also been received from Broach.—United Press.

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